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## President's Message



Hello everyone, I hope you are all well! I want to start by thanking those who committed to help out

with our annual coin and token show. This year's show promises to be a huge success! Also, a huge thank you is due to Mr. Doug Wright for his fantastic presentation at last month's meeting. This month, we are going to change things up a bit. Mr. David Jenkins from "Safe at Home" will be speaking to us about home security and products to safeguard our valuables. As most of you know, we have experienced some "technical difficulties" in getting the newsletter delivered via email. This is partially due to undeliverable messages from invalid email addresses. We are in the process of switching to another provider and should have most of the bugs worked out soon. Please contact James Staker if you need to update your email. The rumor mill has it that several members have been getting out and have made some nice finds. Don't forget to bring in your finds from the past month and enter them into the contest. Hope to see you all Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.



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Don't forget about the drawing we will  
have lots of great prizes



Don't forget about the  
drawing we will have lots of  
great prizes including coins,  
tokens and **GOLD!**

Finds of the month so bring your  
treasures in that you have found this  
month

**Please bring in  
any Library books  
that you have  
checked out**

The coin show will be June 22-23rd  
Please come and support the club

# Miscellaneous club news

**Next Club Meeting**  
**June 28 2012 7:00 PM**  
**Columbus Community Center**  
**2531 So. 400 E. SLC.**



**May Finds of the Month Winners**

# The Science of Metal Detecting and Finding Treasures

By Todd Monson

For the past year and a half I have been working on negotiations with Bounty Hunter to donate several metal detectors. I have been developing a learning opportunity program at Oquirrh Hills Middle School that shares with the students how a metal detector works and the science involved in the process of finding metal objects in the ground. Following extensive negotiations with Bounty Hunter we were finally successful in procuring five metal detectors (3 Bounty Hunter Loan Stars and 2 Teknetics Delta 4000's).

April 24<sup>th</sup> 2012 was the day of our metal detecting activity through a school wide ZAP program (Zero's Aren't Permitted). This is a program where students are rewarded for having no D's or F's in any class and as a reward students can go to an activity of their choosing. One of which is our program called "The Science of Metal Detecting and Finding Treasures". The day finally arrived and we had 45 students scheduled for this activity. The first 45 minutes were spent going over the machine, different controls, the science of electro magnetic waves, penetrating depth of the signals and how to properly operate the machine in the field. They also reviewed the code of ethics of metal detectorists and shared success stories of great treasures that have been found with metal detectors.

The second 45 minutes were spent outside of the classroom in the grassy area north of our school. With the gracious donation of US coins, foreign coins and tokens from several local businesses (Rust Coins, All about Coins, Legacy Coins and Barton's Rare Coins) students had many targets to locate in the grass. I gave a short demonstration with the entire group and then had the students separate into five different groups of eight to find the treasures that had been seeded just below the grass surface earlier in the day in different locations.

The students then proceeded to locate their targets and treasures. When their find was made their faces lit up with a huge smile. They found coins such a silver dimes, foreign coins from the 1700's and gaming tokens. The joy the students experienced was priceless. The students

were able to keep what they found with the understanding that they needed to do some research on the historical background of their find. This was to be shared with their History Teacher and their results were written up and handed into their English Teacher.

This activity was a great success. I have shared this with my individual classes also. We plan on increasing this plan with other departments in the coming year. Please take a look at our school web site ([oquirrhills middle.org](http://oquirrhills.middle.org)) and look for the sub title of Metal Detecting at OHMS.

I would like to express my appreciation to Bounty Hunter and the local coin business for the generosity of their wonderful donations and assistance. This provided the students with an opportunity to further enhance their interest and understanding of the art of metal detecting and the fun in finding treasures hidden in the ground.

These are thought from several students at Oquirrh Hills Middle School

#### What I thought of Metal Detecting

I really enjoyed doing the metal detecting. I found a US penny from 1950! I think that metal detecting is a very fun and educational activity. It's hands-on work, which in my opinion is the best kind. You get to go out in a field and literally find history. It's so interesting to get out there and to find your own piece of history and the story behind it. Everything has a story and with metal detecting it's up to you to find it.

#### Metal Detecting

Before the activity at the school, I had always been mildly interested in the metal detecting. I am really interested in old objects like coins and have my own small collection of coins. My grandpa got me interested in radio waves and I am also interested in other things. When Mr. Monson taught us about the science of metal detecting it increased my interest in metal detecting. I got really excited and began to think of how fun it would be to find something lost to time. I think the company was very generous to donate these fun and useful machines. I found a 1950's 100 Frank piece that Mr. Monson put in the ground. I want to pursue this hobby in the future. Metal detecting is fun.

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